SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER

Wednesday, 5th August, 2015

1. **Prayers**
2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
3. **Oaths**
4. **Announcements (if any)**
5. **Petitions**

ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. *EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATION*
   Request for approval to obtain $75million USD credit facilities for Edo State Government".
   Senator Ali Ndume *(Senate Leader)*
   "That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, C-in-C for the approval of development policy operation 11 of $75million USD credit facilities for Edo State Government".

MOTIONS

1. Collapse of Road Infrastructure in Nigeria
   Sen. Dino Melaye *(Kogi West)*

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Sen. Joshua Dariye
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Sen. Bayare Nafada
Sen. Shaba Lafiaga

The Senate,

Observes the near collapse of the entire road infrastructure in Nigeria;

Concerned that the following roads have collapsed and now pose a threat to the lives of people of Nigeria: Obajana - Kabba road, Kabba - Isanlu - Ilorin road, Iyah - Ayetoro - Kiri - Abugi - Eggan road, Iyara - Iyamoye - Omuo Ekiti road, Aba - Ikot-Ekpene - Itu - Calabar highway, Zaria - Guzzau road, Tegina - Makera - Kotangora - Rijau - Rofia - Wawa - Kaima road, Oyo - Ogbomoso road, Damasak - Mallam Fatori - Cross Kauwa road, Maiduguri - Monguna - Marte - Dikwa road, Kukawa - Gudunbali - Damasak road, Kaduna Marabanjos - Pambeguwa Lere - Jos road, Zaria - Samaru - Funtua road, Conjestion of traffic on Aya - Nyanya - Mararaba road, Benin - Ore - Shagamu road, Zaria - Katsina - Kano road, Ninth Mile - Nsukka - Makurdi - Lokoja - Abuja road, Enugu - Port-Harcourt road, Enugu - Abakiliki - Calabar road, Enugu - Onitsha road, Onitsha - Owerri - Aba road, Bauchi - Kari - Maiduguri road, Warri - Patini - Yenagoa road, Jos - Makurdi - Oturkpo road, Argungu - Kangiwa - Kamba - Bunza - Kalgo road, Sokoto - Jega - Yawuri - Kontagora road, Lokoja - Okene - Benin road, Lagos - Shagamu - Ibadan, Ibadan - Ife Expressway, Hadeja - Nguru - Gashua - Bayamari road; Mokwa Jebba - Ilorin road; Calabar - Ugep - Ikom - Ogoja road; Katsina Ala road; Nkalagu, Nigercem, Ikem road; Keffi - Akwanga - Jos road; Bwari - Kaduna - Jos road; Mararaba - Fukuk - Jarmai road; Gombe - Nafada - Potiskum, Gombe - Yola road; Ihiala -Orlu - Umuahia road; Nnewi - Orlu road; Sharada - Madobi road; Kwana - Dangora road; Owo -Oka - Ishue road; Arochukwu - Ohafia road; Share - Gbugbu - Lafiagi road;

Observes that several trillions of naira has been spent on road construction and rehabilitation in Nigeria since democracy returned to Nigeria in 1999 with minimal or no impact on our roads;

Observes that the collapse of the road infrastructure has virtually cut off many parts of Nigeria, with its attendant negative impact on trade and commerce;

Observes that the collapse has led to a decline in agricultural activities, adversely affecting the movement of agricultural produce from rural area and across the country, resulting in a slide in the country's agricultural output and economy especially now the country need to diversify its economy;

Notes with sadness concomitant loss of lives as a result of the bad state of the roads, as evidenced by the chilling statistics reeled out by the Federal Road Safety Commission which is a price too high and too prohibitive to pay for the failure of governance.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. *Urge* the Federal Government to reorganize the Federal Ministry of Works and its agencies especially the Federal Road Maintenance Agency (FERMA) with a view to re-positioning them for the onerous task of rebuilding of the roads.

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to undertake the immediate rehabilitation and the dualization of major highways and interstate roads across the country.

iii. *Direct* its Committee on Works, when constituted to embark on audit of all road projects in Nigeria with the view to producing raw data for further necessary legislative action.

iv. *Further direct* its Committee on Works to liaise with the appropriate government Agencies to ensure the rehabilitation or completion of all abandoned and on-going road projects across the country.

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2. The State of the Economy: Naira Depreciation and its Implications
Sen. Nazif Suleiman *(Bauchi North)*

The Senate,

Notes with serious concern the state of Nigerian economy as it affects the growing rate of the depreciation of the Naira;

Worried that Naira has depreciated in the last few months at a much faster rate than it had appreciated over the last two years;

Aware that the cause of this depreciation is the consequence of the negative cash flow as a result of the downward trend of oil price, which is further worsened by speculations in the Foreign Exchange Market;

Observes that the foreign exchange needs of the various sectors of the economy are now not being made available;

Further observes that our commitments in the global economy are not being made available;

Notes that the banking industry may be currently defaulting in the global economy and that is sending a bad signal and bad image about the Nigerian economy;

Notes that this resultant speculation is resulting to a huge capital flight with its attendant inflationary consequence which will affect an average Nigerian on the street;

Notes also that illicit fund flows and money laundering going through Nigerian financial system contributes in weakling the value of the naira, which has led to the recent decisions of the CBN to increase its vigilance to ensure that Nigerian banks are not used as conduit for illicit funds flow and money laundering in foreign currencies;

Notes further that the procedure for processing demand and supply of foreign exchange by the Central Bank of Nigeria be reviewed and various additional options considered to stem the precipitous depreciation of the naira and thereby discouraging speculators.

Accordingly resolves to;

i. *Invite* the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria to brief the Senate on this matter to be further enlightened as to what the situation really is.

ii. *Urge* the Federal Government to step up efforts in diversifying the national economy from the oil export into an economy that depends on taxation, agriculture, manufacturing, international tourism and solid minerals prospecting.

iii. *Urge* the Federal Government to stop the leakages in the national economy.

iv. *Urge* the Federal Government to give marching orders to CBN to bring to book anyone who is found wanting of the money laundering and other related offences.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

	Committee	*Date*	*Time*	*Venue*
1.	Ethics, Privileges & Public Petitions	Wednesday, 5th August, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
2.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Import Duty Waivers	Wednesday, 5th August, 2015	Immediately after sitting	Committee Room 211 Senate New Building
3.	Ad-Hoc Committee on Works	Wednesday, 5th August, 2015	2.00pm	Committee Room 312 Senate New Building

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THE SENATE
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Thursday, 6th August, 2015

1. Flood and Erosion Disaster in Awka, Isuanaocha, Obosi and Other Communities of Anambra Central.
Sen. Uche Ekwunife *(Anambra Central)*

The Senate,

Notes the serious damage caused by flood and erosion in Awka, Abatete, Isuanaocha, Obosi and other communities of Anambra Central as widely reported in both Electronic and Print media.

Further notes that the flood which was caused by torrential rainfall took lives of innocent Nigerians, leaving many families bereaved and homeless;

Aware that the rain of Tuesday, 28th July 2015 was more devastating as over 30 residential buildings were destroyed; many school buildings were brought down, farmlands were washed away, roads were cut off making it impossible for commuters to gain access to their homes; and market stalls containing valuable goods and properties worth millions of naira were destroyed;

Also aware that about ten communities in Anambra Central which include Ogidi, Abatete, Alor, Ideani, Enekwasumpu, Awada, Odume, Awka, Amawbia, Isuanaocha, Okpuno and others have been ravaged by erosion, landslide and flood within the last three weeks;

Further aware that the families of those that lost their lives in the said erosion, landslide and flood disasters mentioned above, are yet to get support from the Federal Government;

Worried that the many victims involved in the 2012 Nationwide flood and erosion disasters in Anambra State are yet to recover from the havoc caused by the menace;

Concerned that many families and communities displaced by the said disasters are now helpless while many have abandoned their homes for safety in other neighboring communities;

Resolves to:

i. *Urge the* Ad-hoc committee on Works to visit the affected communities and assess the extent of damages.

ii. *Mandate* the Ecological Fund office to immediately pay visits to the affected communities, raise Bill of Quantity and put up measures to remedy the most critical cases.

iii. *Call* on National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to provide relief materials and necessary support to the victims.

iv. *Urge* Anambra State and Local Government Management Agencies to provide palliative measures to the victims pending when the Federal Government comes up with its intervention.

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